

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WAUKESHA COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time: 01/03/13 9:30 a.m.

Location: Human Services Center, Brookfield Room

Committee Members:

<u>EA</u>	Farrell, Dennis	<u>X</u>	Patterson, Sandy
<u>X</u>	Franklin, Robert	<u>A</u>	Ruf, John
<u>X</u>	Goetz, Jennifer	<u>X</u>	Spitz, Carolyn
<u>X</u>	Graham, Bill	<u>X</u>	Turkoske, Julie
<u>X</u>	Lee, Glenn	<u>X</u>	Wolff, Sandy
<u>X</u>	Lee, Lorraine	<u>X</u>	Zaborowski, William
<u>X</u>	Ludka, Elaine		

X = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence

Additional Attendees:

<u>X</u>	Smith, Mary
<u>X</u>	Smith, Sue

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair B. Graham at 9:34 a.m.

Public Comments:

G. Lee indicated he had just read in the morning newspaper that our legislators want to push a plan to lower income taxes. He finds that surprising in light of the cuts that are going on in Family Care and other programs for the poor and disabled. He read earlier that a \$684 million dollar deficit is expected in Medicaid programs, which includes Family Care. G. Lee feels they should be paying more attention to that than cutting taxes at this point in time.

Approval of minutes of December 6, 2012 meeting:

Chairman B. Graham called for approval of the meeting minutes of December 6, 2012. L. Lee moved to approve the minutes; S. Patterson seconded the motion. All in attendance approved. Motion carried.

Educational Segment – Pat Mireles, APS Supervisor

Update on Adult Protective Services, a Division of the ADRC

Adult Protective Services Supervisor Pat Mireles and Clinical Therapist Laurie Kohler provided the Board with an excellent overview of the Adult Protective Services Unit. The Unit is comprised of 8 Social Workers and two Clinical Therapists, assisting Adults at Risk and Elder Adults at Risk. Adults at Risk include individuals ages 18-59 who are unable to meet their needs

and also have either a physical or mental disability. Elder Adults at Risk include those 60 and beyond. The Elder Adults at Risk do not need to have a disability, however both groups must be suffering or at risk of some type of abuse. Abuse can be any of the following...physical, which is the intentional or reckless infliction of bodily harm, emotional, sexual, financial exploitation, treatment without consent and/or unreasonable confinement or restraint. The APS Unit receives referrals from and works closely with the ADRC, Mental Health, Law Enforcement and the Courts. The Adult Protective Service staff makes every effort to balance a person's right to make decisions for themselves with the goal of keeping people safe. It is not always an easy balance, but something the dedicated people in this Unit are very aware of and always strives to do. Many questions and good discussion followed.

Advisory Board Chair Report:

B. Graham shared concerns regarding the Regional Long-Term Care Meetings held last year. Needs were established and presented in Madison. B. Graham questioned whether anyone received feedback on the needs that came out of those meetings. The answer was no. B. Graham noted that there seems to be much turmoil at the state level. Many long-term employees are retiring, leaving many positions vacant. Acquired knowledge leaves with the incumbent, and when positions are filled, the individuals need to learn/get up to speed. This creates a holding pattern for many programs and initiatives. B. Graham indicated that the Advisory Board will do what it can to keep the needs identified at the Regional Long-Term Care Meetings moving forward.

ADRC Manager's Report: M. Smith provided the ADRC Manager's Report on behalf of C. Bellovary.

- The ADRC is starting the New Year at full staff.
- We are also starting the New Year with our new budget. It is unknown yet what impact, if any, the Fiscal Cliff settlement will have on our funding. We were expecting some reductions, especially in the Older American's Act Funding but do not know if any of that will happen. We will continue to operate and will wait to see if we need to make any adjustments.
- There were no changes to our dining center program. All dining centers will remain open. We continue to serve many home delivered meals.
- In anticipation of a day we can't deliver because of bad weather, two shelf-stable meals were provided to all home delivered meal clients the last week of December.
- Planning for the 2013 Caregiver Seminar has begun. We have a new committee and will share the progress with the Board as more information becomes available.
- The Technology Project through the Active Aging Research Center continues to advance. This year we may see a more rapid dissemination of things. The ABCD assessment is completed and New Berlin is being shifted into a new project. Research staff will be looking for 100 test subjects from each of the three participating counties to take part in randomized testing of the Social Media Project, Elder Tree in June or July. Researchers will be available in March or April to provide the Board with a progress report.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR):

B. Graham indicated that he has received a letter from GWAAR approving Waukesha County's 2013-2015 Aging Unit Plan.

State Aging Advisory Committee Report:

No Report

Health and Human Services Board and Committee Report:

B. Zaborowski indicated the Birth-Three HMO reimbursements received a lot more discussion. The state essentially owes Lutheran Social Services \$18,000.00 for back services. Discussion and letter-writing to our legislators continues. B. Zaborowski will keep the Board up to date on this issue.

Other Business/Updates:

G. Lee wanted to mention that Family Care/Care Wisconsin cut the reimbursement rate to group homes by 20%.

Adjournment:

S. Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Spitz seconded the motion; all in attendance approved. Motion is carried.

Meeting Dates and Times/Next Meeting:

February 7, 2013 @ 9:30 a.m.

Approved _____ **Date** _____

Recorded and Submitted by Sue Smith